

Sunset United Church

*An Affirming Ministry of
The United Church of Canada*

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Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Linda Young,
Richard Toppings, Vikki May

Reader: Terry McKague

Coffee: Sheila & Terry McKague

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Michael Webster and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'.
As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we
honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon
whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: "This Is the Day" MV 122 *
(words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

Today we remember those who brought renewal to the church when renewal was needed.

Today we think about the renewal that is needed now.

Today we seek answers for the church, for ourselves and for our neighbours.

Therefore let us prepare our hearts and minds for the leading of God's Spirit. Let us pray:

Prayer of Approach:

God of Luther and Calvin and Knox and so many others, we stand in the tradition of reform and protest. In this time of worship and thanksgiving, we pray that your Spirit may teach us the way to move forward in that tradition, so that we may further the reign of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Who Comes from God" VU 892 **

(words on screens)

Prayer for Wholeness:

It seems, O God, that the fire for renewal is burning low these days. Forgive our fascination with the toys of technology, and help us to burn brightly with a desire for faithful living and for the love of neighbour that Jesus taught and lived. Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

Martin Luther reminded us:

by grace, through faith, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Our Sung Response: “Spirit of the Living God”
VU 376, v. 1***
(*words on screens*)

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Choir Anthem: *Sun Don't Set In the Morning*

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:1-13

Conversation time

Hymn: “God of the Bible” MV 28 ****
(*words on screens*)

Scripture: John 2:19-20

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: “Our God’s a Fortress” VU 263 *>>
(*words on screens*)

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: “We Praise You, O God” VU 218, v. 1 *<<*<
(*words on screens*)

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts of coins and bills and cheques to your service. Receive also our gifts of time and talent and use them in your work of transforming individuals and communities. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” VU 642 **<*

(words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: *Amen!*

Postlude



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